

MSGT (Ret) Buster B. Speaks

August 20, 1934 - June 17, 2009



Funeral for Buster B. Speaks, 74, will be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Speaks died Wednesday, June 17th, 2009 in Lawton, OK. Burial will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, OK under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home. Friends can call on the family from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born in Messer, OK on August 20th, 1934 to Benjamin and Fannie Speaks. He attended school in Antlers, OK. He worked for Coca Cola until 1955. He joined the Air Force and got his GED and 1 year of college. He toured in Paris, France for 2 years and was a Vietnam Veteran. He retired from Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, CA after 26 years of service. He worked and retired from GSA in Lawton, OK. Buster was a 32 degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was with Masonic Lodge 540. Buster enjoyed his hunting and fishing. He loved working in his shop making things and tinkering. Buster mainly loved helping people. Buster married Wilma Russell on March 14, 1995.

He is survived by his wife of the home; a brother Bill Speaks of Minneapolis, MN; a sister Virginia Bidleman of Florida; three daughters Catherine Speaks of Santa Rosa, CA, Christine Casanova and husband Fernando of Atwater, CA, and Michele Butrej and husband Steven of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; five grandchildren Adam, Jacob, Stephen Ray, Xavier, and Shayla; two step children Connie Prys and husband Mark of Colorado Springs, CO and Darrell Russell and wife Susan of Midwest City, OK; seven step grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, four brothers, Dick, Sam, Hugh, and Willard, and a sister Lois.